

for the new location of the U.S. Customs Service Cybersmuggling Center. Child pornography was a worldwide industry that was all but eradicated in the 1980s. And unfortunately, it has resurfaced with vengeance thanks to computer technology.

Although, I learned of the work of the U.S. Customs Service through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's leader, Ernie Allen, I was so impressed with the work of the Cybersmuggling Center and its agents that I introduced legislation that would authorize much needed funds specifically for the U.S. Customs Service, Child Pornography Enforcement Program.

The U.S. Customs Service has long been recognized by law enforcement and the international community for its knowledge and skill in investigating cases of child pornography and child exploitation. Proper funding of the Cybersmuggling Center will allow the Customs Service to continue its worldwide leadership in the prevention of the sexual exploitation and abuse of children in the United States and abroad. Congress got the message and now we can commend the work done by the men and women who spend their days and nights protecting our most vulnerable citizens, our children.

LET US LOOK AT THE FACTS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, let us look at the facts. Republicans have locked away 100 percent of the Social Security and Medicare surplus. Republicans have eliminated over \$350 billion of our Nation's debt and will totally eliminate it by 2012.

We asked the Vice President to join us in dedicating another 90 percent or \$240 billion of next year's surplus toward eliminating the debt. Unfortunately, the Vice President does not agree. You see he wants to spend over \$1 trillion on increasing the size of our government.

Most Americans would agree the Vice President's plan to spend 1 trillion more dollars is shortsighted. We do not need a bigger government. Americans do not want, do not need and do not deserve a big government spending spree. They deserve a secure retirement and a debt-free America.

BEYOND CANCER: JOURNEYS OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

(Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, Wes Scott, Josie Wisialowski, Linda Smith, Lyle Beres, Raksha Chand, Erik Oliverson, Pat Kaldor, Charlotte Lass, Val Banks, Tim Cleary, Marcia Boler, Barbara Kluth, these people are men and women, black and

white, students and executives, community leaders, young and old. Despite their differences, these people all share one terrible reality, they have all had cancer. They also share one wonderful reality, they have all survived cancer.

Our guests today are a few of the survivors featured in the photographic exhibit *Beyond Cancer: Journeys of the Human Spirit*, on display through October 14th in the Rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building. The exhibit features pictures just like this one here showing the very human face of cancer in America and telling the very personal stories of the people who have fought and overcome this terrible disease. *Beyond Cancer* was developed by Milwaukee's St. Joseph Hospital and brought to Washington with the support of Abbott Labs. I am honored to have sponsored its display here on Capitol Hill.

Beyond Cancer is an inspiring tribute to the enduring strength of everyday Americans who decide that they will not allow cancer to define them, they will fight to survive, and that their life is beyond cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in giving heartfelt thanks to these individuals, they offer examples of strength, faith, and perseverance to which we all might aspire.

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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, THE HORNET'S NEST

(Mrs. MYRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, while Charlotte is proud of its professional basketball teams, the Hornets and the Sting, I would like to share with Members how the area first became known as the Hornet's Nest.

On October 3 of 1780, hungry British soldiers, coming off victories in South Carolina, were driven away by our local farmers. In the commotion, the soldiers knocked over the beehives at McIntyre's farm, and the insects, along with the Charlotteans, swarmed all over the fleeing Redcoats.

Four days later, frontiersmen from Georgia, Virginia, and both Carolinas destroyed the left wing of General Cornwallis's army in less than 1 hour of battle.

News of the victory revived hopes, and soon patriots like Thomas Sumter, Elijah Clarke, and Francis "the Swamp Fox" Marion stepped up their harassment of the British troops.

As they say, the rest is history. Cornwallis referred to Charlotte as a "hornet's nest of rebellion," and his stay lasted there only 16 days.

I encourage Members to join me and my fellow Carolinians in celebrating the 220th anniversary of both the Battle of the Bees and the Battle of Kings Mountain.

A MISSED DEADLINE TO REAUTHORIZE THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, 3 days ago the deadline passed for reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act.

There was no good reason for the Congress not to pass this important bill. After all, it passed this House with an overwhelming majority, 415 to 3. Judges support this bill, police officers support this bill, prosecutors support the bill, victims, social workers, health care workers, men and women around the Nation support this bill. It protects women from violence, it protects children from witnessing violence, it stops the cycle of violence.

Unfortunately, some in Congress are talking about using this bill as a sweetener, adding it to other bills to help them pass. The Violence Against Women Act deserves to pass on its own, and adding it to another bill to sweeten it is an insult to the women of America. Let us get our work done. Let us pass the Violence Against Women Act.

REPUBLICAN-SPONSORED LEGISLATION TO HELP AMERICA'S SENIORS

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, what is it like to be retired in the 1990s on a fixed income with rising health care costs, high prescription drugs, and expensive, long-term residential treatment?

It does not have to be this way, though. That is why this Congress, this Republican Congress, has worked to take social security money off-budget so that the social security trust fund will be secure and the money will not be taken out of that lockbox and used for roads and bridges or congressional salaries. We believe that is an important commitment to America's seniors.

That is why this Congress has passed the only prescription drug program, to make prescription drugs available and affordable to our seniors.

I might add that the other body across the hall has yet to act on this important piece of legislation. Neither has the White House. But we think it is important.

That is why this Congress has worked hard for cops on the streets and local law enforcement grants, to make sure that American seniors at home in their retirement will be safe and secure, so they can sit on their porch or walk down the street and not be worried about being a victim of crimes.

Mr. Speaker, it is our moms and dads we are talking about. They looked after us all these years. Let us not forget them.